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For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF AMMONIA

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of Patents and Trademarks
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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel claims 1-4, and add the following new claims 5 and 6.

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-5. Process for the preparation of ammonia by contacting an ammonia synthesis gas with ammonia catalyst particles arranged in a fixed bed comprising catalyst particles with a particle size in the range of ≥ 0.2 mm to < 1.5 mm, said synthesis gas being passed in radial direction through said fixed bed, wherein said fixed bed contains a mixture of catalyst particles with a size of 1.5 - 3.0 mm, 0.8 - 1.5 mm and 0.3 - 0.8 mm in a volume ratio of (40 - 70):(10 - 40):(10 - 30).--